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"Long may it wave o'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

## THE DEPT

While the committee which went to Detroit the latter part of last week and interviewed President Alfred of the Pere Marquette, did not bring back a new union passenger station for Alma, it did achieve some results that were well worth the while, and which promise to bring a new station into being here as soon as the railroads emerge from under government control.

The committee achieved several results in addition to the promise of a new depot later, which made the trip a paying one.

The proposition to construct an addition at the station to make room for express, which includes milk cans, chicken crates and boxes, and what not, by the hundreds, and which would cause the express office to be moved from the business section of the city to the depot, went by the boards as the committee secured a promise that no such addition would be constructed. This will do away with the threatened danger of a bad crossing at Prospect street, where this street crosses the railroads, and will keep the passenger station platform from becoming a menace, because of the piling of cans, crates, etc. there for people to bump into or fall over, and possibly injure themselves. It will also do away with the creation of a greater eyesore which the addition would make.

It saved to the city one of Alma's few beauty spots—the rose garden, which lies just to the east of the present depot. This is a charming spot in summer, when the thousands of roses have reached forth to gather in the rays of sunlight, and the light mist of the falling dew. The ladies of the city were most anxious that this spot be preserved, and their wish is now granted.

The matter was put before President Alfred in a cold-blooded business way, as a business proposition should be put before a busy business man. The business done here, the inadequacy of the depot and the unsanitary conditions were pointed home by the committee, and convinced President Alfred that Alma has a grave need of a new depot. Without question this need will be met with a modern structure just as soon as the railroads get out from under government control and such building again becomes possible.

The Alma Record, most consistent in its remarks regarding the proposed addition, feels that it did much to awake public sentiment in Alma in this regard, a sentiment which demanded action, and which secured results. It was another case of molding public opinion to a point where it became a force which could not be denied.

## FROM GERMANY

Carl Harry Writes to Alma Record From Beyond the Rhine.

Serg. Carl Harry of this city, who is with the Army of Occupation in Germany, has written an interesting letter to The Alma Record, which will prove of interest to the readers of the paper. The letter follows:

Maxsain, Westervald, Germany, January 10, 1919.

Dear Friend:

Just a few lines to let my many friends around Alma, now I am still on top, and not pushing daisies. \* \* \* We were billeted in a little French village for some four or five days, at which time the 338th Infantry was called on for casual replacements for the 1st division. I was transferred to D company of the 18th Infantry. We met them on a quiet front in Alsace-Lorraine. We stayed there a short time and were relieved by the 90th division. We hiked back to Moxey and laid there until the middle of September.

At that time we got ready to take part in the drive on St. Mihiel. The drive started on September 12. We hiked some five kilometers through the mud and reached our places ready to start over the top. Our barrage started sometime after 12 at night, and all we could hear was the roar of the guns, getting ready for the zero hour. It finally arrived at 4:45. We started out and as the big shells started to drop around us, I thought of Sherman's remark, and decided that he was right, but didn't make it strong enough. We were very successful and reached our first objective about 10:00 a. m., after which we started for our second objective; reached it about 2:00 p. m. and took shelter in some German billets. Another sergeant and I lived on chickens and rabbits that had belonged to a German general's staff. We stayed here

for two days and were then relieved. Laid in reserve for French till we received word to get ready for the Argonne drive. We traveled some distance and took shelter on the south side of a big hill. Under shell fire we laid there from October 1 until October 4. On that morning we started one of the decisive battles of the war. In fact it was the last hard battle fought on the Argonne front. We left our positions on the south side of the hill at 5:00 a. m. We advanced under probably the heaviest shell fire ever fired at American troops. Our first objective was reached at 10 a. m. We turned to the left and took cover in a small wood which was being shelled by German 75's and 1-pounders and which was under a continual rain of machine gun fire. I never want to experience such things as happened that day. I figured every one had my number, but I guess that they didn't as they all missed me. Near noon a lieutenant and I started to dig in for shelter. At 2:30 p. m. we received orders to advance from the major. We did and reached our second objective about 3:00 and dug in. On the morning of the 12th we left for Hill 240, starting for our third objective. This was certainly fierce as we had a rain of lead that fell like hail until 4:00 p. m., when the boys dug in, and stayed until relieved by the 42nd or Rainbow division on the 16th.

We hiked back for three days to rest billets and there, received casual replacements. Later made last drive on Argonne and were then assigned to Army of Occupation, so that is how we have the pleasure of seeing Germany.

We are certainly enjoying our stay here. We are stationed some twenty kilometers from Coblenz. We are at Maxsain in the state of Westervald. This is only a short distance from the Prussian state, where the former famous Prussian guards came from. That, however, is a thing of the past now.

Well, taps has sounded and I must close.

Yours respectfully,  
Carl E. Harry.

## IS IN GERMANY

Private Elwin L. Joslin Writes to Uncle from Sehl, Germany.

Private Elwin L. Joslin, who is stationed in Germany with the American Expeditionary forces has written a very interesting letter to his uncle, John Parrish of this city, which the Record is glad to publish. The letter follows:

Sehl, Germany, January 2, 1919.

Dear Uncle John and Family:

I am well and hope that you are also. I am in Germany and have been for about a month. We are living with a German family at present. Have lived with both French and German families and so far the Germans have used us the best.

The Germans are glad that the war is over and that it ended the way it did. They say that the Kaiser purposely drew the U. S. into the war as he thought he could whip us too. But he found a snubbing post in the U. S. They say he started to gain world control.

"This town is located on the bank



ELWIN L. JOSLIN  
A. E. F., Co. D, M. G. Bn.

of the Moselle river, about 35 miles from Coblenz. Coblenz is on the Rhine and I expect to see it before I come home.

"I have seen the shores of Ireland and Scotland, been through England, France, Alsace-Lorraine, Luxembourg and parts of Germany. I have seen aeroplane battles at a distance and have seen them after they have been shot down. I have seen forests with hardly a tree which was not shot down, and with shell holes every ten feet. Have been through "no man's land" and it certainly is rightly named too.

"I was on my way to the front when the armistice was signed. Guess I heard the last shot that was fired. \* \* \*"

"I hope that I may see you again soon. I have had all of the foreign travel that I care for and will be glad to get home again. \* \* \*"

Your nephew,  
Elwin.

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## THE THEATRE

**The Idlehour**  
Idlehour patrons have nothing but good shows to look forward to during the next week, as a glance at their ads elsewhere in this issue will indicate.

Wallace Reid, who presents "Too Many Millions" on Friday night, is rapidly becoming one of the screen's most popular favorites. He is not only strong and manly and full of "pep," but carries his parts with a vein of good-natured comedy that makes his work attractive to all fans. On Saturday the offering is Norma Talmadge in "The Safety Curtain," which has been a tremendous success in the big theatres of Detroit and Grand Rapids. Norma Talmadge has become very well known to Alma theatre goers, and her name on the bill gives positive assurance of excellent entertainment.

Sunday offers one of the biggest and finest productions shown in Alma for many days. "The Squaw Man," which was one of the most popular stage plays of a few years ago, is especially adaptable to the screen, and the Idlehour takes the opportunity to see it will certainly congratulate themselves upon having done so.

Monday, Mary Pickford, who still retains her pre-eminent position of the most popular star in the pictures in spite of all opposition, presents "Johanna Enlists," one of the most thoroughly delightful pictures she ever produced. Patrons who can conveniently go to the matinee are urged to do so, as it is doubtful if all can be accommodated in the evening. Tuesday is one of the Triangle release pictures, presenting Frank Keenan in "The Thoroughbred." Those who saw this picture when it was presented here previously will remember it as one of the best pictures they ever saw, and well worth seeing again. Those who have not seen it should avail themselves of this opportunity.

Wednesday provides one of the real treats of the week, Frank McIntyre in a delightful comedy drama written especially for him, "Too Fat to Fight." Frank McIntyre is not a regular movie actor, but has long been known as the most popular fat man on the American stage. This offering has been very favorably commented on from all sides, and should be borne in mind when plans are made for next week's entertainment.

It is noteworthy that special attention is being given to selection of comedies and other short subjects which are shown with features at this theatre. Everyone likes good comedy, and to insure the enjoyment of their patrons the management of the Idlehour has made a special effort to provide the best sort of "blosser" after the feature picture—adv.

## Genesta Theatre

A one cent show for the kiddies under twelve years is promised at the Genesta theatre on Tuesday, February 18, who cut out the Genesta advertisement in this issue of The Record and present it at the box office with one cent. The first chapter of the new serial "The Lion's Claw" and the famous Charlie Chaplin will be shown in "Easy Street."

This one cent show gives the youngsters a chance to get started on this new serial and a great chance to see "Charlie." The offer by the Genesta theatre is good only for the matinee. Shows for the afternoon at 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00.

## THE CHURCHES

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
I. O. O. F. Temple  
Sunday school—9:30 a. m.  
Sunday—10:30. Subject "Soul."  
Wednesday 7:30—Testimony meeting.

Reading room open every day, except Sunday, from 2:30 to 5:00.  
The public is cordially invited to the services and the reading room.

**Baptist Church**  
J. W. Priest, Pastor, residence 302 Gratiot avenue.  
Morning service, 10:00  
Sermon: "I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel."  
Sunday School, 11:15.  
Junior Union, 3:00 o'clock.  
B. Y. P. U. meeting—6 p. m.  
Topic: "Our Relation to God."

Trusting:  
Leader: Frances Priest.  
Evening service—7 o'clock.  
Sermon: "The End of the Road."  
Thursday night prayer meeting at 7:30.  
All are cordially invited to these services.

**Church of Christ**  
Pine St.  
J. S. Raum, Minister.  
10 a. m.—Bible school rally.  
Stalter boys band will render a sacred concert.  
11 a. m.—Sermon.  
J. Frank Green, state superintendent of missions, will speak.  
2:30 p. m.—Sacred concert, Stalter boys' band.

3:00 p. m.—Observance of the 8th anniversary of the local church. Brief addresses by prominent speakers. Music by Coe male quartette.  
7 p. m.—Song service and sermon.  
J. S. Raum will speak.  
Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

**Presbyterian Church.**  
Rev. W. L. Gielston, Minister, 528 N State street; pastor, 4:00 o'clock.  
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school.  
Lesson: "The Ten Commandments."  
It is proposed to try for a perfect attendance of every class in the school. Announcement of the results of the Star class campaign will be made. Rain or shine everyone should be out.

11 a. m.—Morning worship.  
Theme: "The Task of the Church at Home."  
In the afternoon the first drive of the New Era Workers will be made.  
6 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.  
Topic: "I Will—and What Will I?"  
Feb. 10-5-9, 19-25.

7 p. m.—Evening service.  
Stereoscopic lecture commencing a series on "Kingdom Progress in Various Lands." We are desiring to fit ourselves for world citizenship these days. This series of stereoscopic lectures is calculated to help do so. All not obligated elsewhere are cordially invited to these services.

## "Western Reserve."

When Connecticut, in 1786, ceded her western lands to the United States, she reserved a large tract adjoining Pennsylvania, now forming several counties in the northeastern part of Ohio. From this the region came to be called "the Western Reserve." The reservation by Connecticut only lasted a few years, as in 1800 she completed the transfer of all the lands to the United States. The Western Reserve soon became famous for its good citizenship, fine farms and determined opposition to slavery.

See Frank McIntyre in "Too Fat to Fight." Idlehour, Wednesday—adv.

## Accidents at Different Ages.

One of the large casualty companies has prepared a compilation showing the percentage of deaths due to accident at different ages. Out of a total of 713,801 deaths embraced in the compilation, 21.1 per cent were persons from fifteen to twenty-nine years old; 16.1 per cent, thirty to thirty-nine; 12.3 per cent, forty to forty-nine; 8 per cent, fifty to fifty-nine, and 4.7 per cent, sixty to sixty-nine.

Smoke the best, Wanigas—64-tf

## "What Matters the Road?"

Now and then in Brittany one sees an East Indian, lithe as a panther, peering in at the open door of a cathedral with wistful interest. As Krishna said many hundreds of years ago: "What matters the road if it leads to God?"—Nina Larray Duryea in Harper's Magazine.

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## IT STARTLED THEM

Some newcomers to Alma were startled when they found what a fine meal could be had for 35¢ at the European Cafe—77-4f-c.

Mary Pickford takes a milk bath in "Johanna Enlists," Idlehour, Monday—adv.

See Frank McIntyre in "Too Fat to Fight." Idlehour, Wednesday—adv.

Be sure to see "The Squaw Man," Idlehour, Sunday—adv.

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50c Value Men's Gray Wool Army Sox, shaped foot, high top, pair \$1.4c  
25c Value Heavy Canvas Gloves, knit wrists \$1.5c  
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